



## The Language of Effective Dentist – Patient Communication in English

- FOG MAE 131

**Number of credit points:** 2 credits

**Number of teaching hours weekly (per semester):** 2 (28) hours

### Goals of the course:

The goal of the course is to maintain and improve the dental English communication skills of foreign students attending the English dental program. The practical course aims to develop oral communication skills based on patient-centred communication models, and widen dental English vocabulary. In parallel with third-year clinical practices, we deal with the vocabulary of related dental fields (Prosthodontics, Restorative Dentistry, Oral Surgery, Parodontology, Paediatric Dentistry, Oral Medicine, Cosmetic Dentistry), comparison of dental and lay vocabulary, giving instructions during common dental interventions, evaluating and explaining findings, explaining the treatment plan, obtaining informed consent. By practicing history taking skills through dentist-patient role plays, we would like to enable students to acquire language skills they can utilize effectively during their summer practices and in working situations after graduation.

### Description of topics:

- The structure of dental history. Practising typical patterns and expressions.
- Prosthodontics and Implantology – typical complaints, patient-centred history taking: open and closed questions.
- Restorative Dentistry, Endodontics – general medical and dental history, taking medications, drug allergy, using questionnaires
- Treatment plans and diagnostics – discussing treatment options, comparing dental and lay vocabulary
- Parodontology- chronic diseases (past and family history), physical examination, explaining findings
- Oral Surgery – past dental treatments and interventions, diagnostic interventions, explaining findings on radiographic examination
- Paediatric Dentistry – special vocabulary, expressing empathy, talking to parents
- Oral Medicine – common dental diseases, patient's complaints, oral hygiene education
- Cosmetic Dentistry – discussing treatment options, asking for dental opinion, communicating with dental specialists

### Teaching materials:

Éva Major: Communication skills for dental professionals

Kinga Studzińska-Pasieka, Marcin Otto: Open Your English Wider

Edward W. Odell: Interesting Cases in Dentistry